

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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EVA RUIZ-CAMACHO,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

Case No. 2:16-cv-02374-RFB-VCF

**ORDER**

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION;  
DOES I-X, inclusive, and ROE  
CORPORATIONS I-X, inclusive,  
Defendants.

MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER (ECF No. #14)

This matter involves Plaintiff Eva Ruiz-Camacho's civil action against Costco Wholesale Corporation. Before the Court is Costco's motion for protective order (ECF No. 14), Ruiz-Camacho's response (ECF No. 15), and Costco's reply (ECF No. 16).

For the reasons stated below, Costco's motion for protective order (ECF No. 14) is granted.<sup>1</sup>

**I. Legal Standard**

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c) states, in relevant part:

A party or any person from whom discovery is sought may move for a protective order in the court where the action is pending ... The motion must include a certification that the movant has in good faith conferred or attempted to confer with other affected parties in an effort to resolve the dispute without court action. The court may, for good cause, issue an order to protect a party or person from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden or expense, including one or more of the following:

(B) specifying terms, including time and place or the allocation of expenses, for the disclosure or discovery ...

<sup>1</sup> Costco's motion for protective order seeks entry of the Confidentiality Agreement and Stipulated Protective Order (ECF No. 14-1, at 7) and the Confidentiality Agreement and Stipulated Protective Order Regarding Costco's Hard Drive (ECF No. 14-1, at 25). Ruiz-Camacho's Opposition does not specifically address the Confidentiality Agreement and Protective Order Regarding Costco's Hard Drive in its points and authorities, (ECF No. 15). Pursuant to LR 7-2, that failure constitutes consent to the granting of the Confidentiality Agreement and Protective Order Regarding Costco's Hard Drive (ECF No. 14-1, at 25).

1 (G) requiring that a trade secret or other confidential research, development,  
2 or commercial information not be revealed or be revealed only in a specified  
way ...

3 For good cause to exist, the movant “bears the burden of showing specific prejudice or harm will  
4 result if no protective order is granted.” *See Phillips ex rel. Estates of Byrd v. Gen. Motors Corp.*, 307  
5 F.3d 1206, 1211 (9th Cir. 2002). If a court finds specific harm will result from such disclosure, then it  
6 must balance the public and private interests to determine whether a protective order is necessary. *Id.*  
7 Courts have broad latitude to decide when a protective order is appropriate, what degree of protection is  
8 required, and whether the nature of the harm advanced justifies the order. *See Seattle Times Co. v.*  
9 *Rhinehart*, 467 U.S. 20, 36, 104 S.Ct. 2199, 81 L.Ed.2d 17 (1984) (“The unique character of the discovery  
10 process requires that the trial court have substantial latitude to fashion protective orders.”); 8A Charles  
11 Alan Wright, Arthur R. Miller & Richard L. Marcus, *Federal Practice and Procedure*, § 2036 (3d ed.  
12 2010) (“... a court may be as inventive as the necessities of a particular case require in order to achieve  
13 the benign purposes of the rule.”).

## 14 15 **II. Background**

16 This is a personal injury case concerning an alleged “slip and fall” incident at a Las Vegas Costco.  
17 Ruiz-Camacho served two sets of requests for production of documents on Costco seeking production of  
18 information such as blueprints for the location of video cameras, policies and procedures related to slip  
19 and fall prevention, and a hard drive potentially containing video of the alleged incident. (*See* ECF No.  
20 14-1, at 32 and 42). Costco claims, however, that such information contains its “confidential business  
21 proprietary, commercial and trade secret information” and thus should be protected. (*See* ECF No. 14, at  
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1 As part of discovery, Costco proposed two Confidentiality Agreements and Protective Orders to  
2 prevent disclosure of its potentially confidential information to the public. (*See* ECF No. 14-1, at 7 and  
3 25). Ruiz-Camacho objects to those agreements on the grounds that they are overly generalized and the  
4 information Costco seeks to protect is not properly classified as a trade secret. (*See* ECF No. 15, at 7 and  
5 10). The parties attempted to resolve their dispute without court action, but were unable to do so.

### 6 **III. Discussion**

#### 7 **1. Costco's Motion for Protective Order is Granted and its Proposed Confidentiality Agreements** 8 **and Protective Orders are Approved**

9 The court has reviewed the proposed Confidentiality Agreements, and finds that they are  
10 appropriate. (*See* ECF No. 14-1, at 7 and 25). Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c)(1)(G), the Court can issue  
11 protective orders requiring that a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial  
12 information *be revealed only in a specified way*. Costco's proposed Confidentiality Agreements are  
13 appropriate and necessary mechanisms for designating documents and information as confidential and  
14 preventing the dissemination of those confidential documents and information to the public.

15 Costco's proposed Confidentiality Agreements sufficiently balance the interests of both Ruiz-  
16 Camacho and Costco. Under those Confidentiality Agreements, Ruiz-Camacho will be able to receive  
17 and use Costco's non-public information designated as confidential to prosecute its case. The  
18 Confidentiality Agreement only prevents the general public, not Ruiz-Camacho, from viewing  
19 confidential documents.  
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21 These proposed Confidentiality Agreements provide a procedure to challenge the designation of  
22 any document as confidential. (*See* ECF No. 14-1, at 14). Any party to those Confidentiality Agreements  
23 can seek a Court order to modify their terms. (*See* ECF No. 14-1, at 13). The proposed Confidentiality  
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1 Agreements also address Costco's concerns by prohibiting the disclosure of its confidential information  
2 to third parties. Accordingly, Costco's proposed Confidentiality Agreements are approved.

3 The cases Ruiz-Camacho relies on in its Opposition do not support denial of Costco's Motion for  
4 Protective Order. Ruiz-Camacho cites to *Granger v. Lowe's Home Centers, LLC*, No. 1:14-CV-01212-  
5 KJM, 2015 WL 1932474 (E.D. Cal. Apr. 28, 2015) for its assertion that Costco cannot meet its burden to  
6 show a trade secret. (See ECF No. 15, at 8). In *Granger v. Lowe's Home Centers, LLC*, plaintiffs' objected  
7 to defendant's motion for protective order seeking a blanket protective order designating as "confidential"  
8 defendant's personnel records, trade secrets, customer information, and other confidential commercial  
9 information. *Id.* at 4.<sup>2</sup>

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11 Even though the court denied defendant's motion for protective order, the court still imposed a  
12 mechanism for prohibiting the disclosure of documents and information it deemed confidential beyond  
13 the context of the present litigation. *Id.* at 5. The *Granger* court imposed the following limitation: "... to  
14 the extent Defendant Lowe's produces documents containing or relating to its employees' personnel  
15 records in response to ... discovery requests, the parties are hereby ORDERED not to disclose or use such  
16 documents beyond the context of the present litigation." *Id.*

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18 Here, Costco requests a mechanism with similar terms to prevent disclosure of its potentially  
19 sensitive documents to third parties. That mechanism is appropriate and necessary to prohibit the  
20 disclosure of sensitive information in this case. See *Granger v. Lowe's Home Centers, LLC*, No. 1:14-  
21 CV-01212-KJM, 2015 WL 1932474, at \*3 (E.D. Cal. Apr. 28, 2015) ("The court is vested with broad  
22 discretion to permit or deny discovery."); see also 8A Charles Alan Wright, Arthur R. Miller & Richard  
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24 2 Unlike this action, plaintiffs' in *Granger* had agreed to the initial limits of a protective order over policies, procedures, and  
25 trade secrets. See *Granger v. Lowe's Home Centers, LLC*, No. 1:14-CV-01212-KJM, 2015 WL 1932474, at \*3 (E.D. Cal.  
Apr. 28, 2015).

1 L. Marcus, *Federal Practice and Procedure*, § 2043 (3d ed. 2010) (“...[t]he trial court has a very wide  
2 discretion.”); *E. I. Du Pont De Nemours Powder Co. v. Masland*, 244 U.S. 100, 103, 37 S. Ct. 575, 576,  
3 61 L. Ed. 1016 (1917) (“It will be understood that if, in the opinion of the trial judge, it is or should become  
4 necessary to reveal the secrets to others, it will rest in the judge’s discretion to determine whether, to  
5 whom, and under what precautions, the revelation should be made.”).

6 ACCORDINGLY, and for good cause shown,

7 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Costco’s Motion for Protective Order (ECF No. 14) is  
8 GRANTED.

9 The Court will enter<sup>3</sup> Costco’s proposed Confidentiality Agreement and Stipulated Protective  
10 Order (ECF No. 14-1, at 7), and the Confidentiality Agreement and Stipulated Protective Order Regarding  
11 Costco’s Hard Drive (ECF No. 14-1, at 25) on the docket.  
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13 IT IS SO ORDERED.

14 DATED this 31st day of March, 2017.

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17 CAM FERENBACH  
18 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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24 <sup>3</sup> The Court has modified Costco’s proposed Confidentiality Agreement and Stipulated Protective Order, (ECF No. 14-1, at  
25 7). The Court’s modified Confidentiality Agreement is substantially the same as Costco’s proposed Confidentiality  
Agreement, but has been edited to refer to appropriate Federal Rules.

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**CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT AND  
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17 The parties agree, through their respective counsel as their authorized representatives, to the  
18 terms and conditions of this Confidentiality Agreement and Stipulated Protective Order  
19 (“Confidentiality Agreement”) governing the disclosure, handling and disposition of documents and  
20 information in this litigation as set forth herein.

21 **1. Need and Application.**

22 1.1 At the heart of this litigation is an alleged slip which occurred on or about November  
23 13, 2014, at the Costco Warehouse located at 801 S. Pavilion Drive in Las Vegas, Nevada. Plaintiff  
24 EVA RUIZ CAMACHO’s (“Plaintiff”) claims in this litigation, and the discovery to take place  
25 between the parties, will likely require the production of confidential business, personnel, and  
26 proprietary information of Defendant COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION (“Defendant”).  
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1 Prior to production, no party can effectively and fully evaluate the claims of the other as to  
2 the need for protection. Thus, this Confidentiality Agreement enables the production of documents,  
3 at least to the point of evaluating the claims of need for protection, and specifying how such  
4 documents need to be treated when produced. Moreover, pursuant to the terms of this  
5 Confidentiality Agreement, any document designated as confidential where that designation is  
6 disputed can be identified as such and the matter then submitted to the Court for resolution.

7 In essence, without a Confidentiality Agreement, the Court may have to evaluate  
8 innumerable documents individually, and this task would likely burden the Court and delay the  
9 discovery process. Regarding documents that are entitled to protection, disclosure of such  
10 confidential and proprietary information is likely to prejudice the legitimate business, competitive,  
11 and/or privacy interests of the parties or of third parties. A Confidentiality Agreement is thus  
12 required in this action to enable the documents to be evaluated and to protect against unauthorized  
13 disclosure of confidential and proprietary information and to ensure that such information will be  
14 used only for purposes of this action. A Confidentiality Agreement will also expedite the flow of  
15 discovery materials, protect the integrity of truly confidential and proprietary information, promote  
16 the prompt resolution of disputes over confidentiality, and facilitate the preservation of material  
17 worthy of protection.

18 1.2 This Confidentiality Agreement shall govern any document, information or other  
19 material that is designated as containing "Confidential Information" or "Attorney's Eyes Only  
20 Information" as defined herein, and is produced in connection with this litigation by any person or  
21 entity (the "Producing Party" or "Disclosing Party"), whether in response to a discovery request,  
22 subpoena or otherwise, to any other person or entity (the "Receiving Party") regardless of whether  
23 the person or entity producing or receiving such information is a party to this litigation.

24 **2. Definitions.**

25 2.1 **Confidential Information.** "Confidential Information" shall mean and include,  
26 without limitation, any non-public information that concerns or relates to the following areas:  
27 confidential proprietary information, trade secrets, security and surveillance policies, practices and  
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procedures, commercial, financial, pricing, budgeting, and/or accounting information, information about existing and potential customers, marketing studies, performance projections, business strategies, decisions and/or negotiations, personnel compensation, evaluations and other employment information, and confidential proprietary information about affiliates, parents, subsidiaries and third-parties with whom the parties to this action have or have had business relationships. "Confidential information" may be contained in the following documents: manuals, contracts, correspondence (electronic or otherwise), blueprints, specifications, drawings, security records, security reports, security shift information and staffing levels, security patrols, security policies and procedures, locations of surveillance and security cameras, documents regarding surveillance and security camera capabilities, production documents, analytical reports, certification-related documents, and other documents relating to Defendant.

**2.2 Attorney's Eyes Only Information.** "Attorney's Eyes Only Information" is a subset of Confidential Information that includes any document or testimony that contains highly sensitive proprietary, security and surveillance, private, financial or trade secret information where the Disclosing Party reasonably believes that disclosure of such information to other parties in the litigation would cause severe competitive damage.

**2.3 Documents.** As used herein, the term "documents" includes all writings, records, files, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, e-mails, video tapes, audio tapes, compact discs, electronic messages, other data compilations from which information can be obtained and other tangible things subject to production under the ~~Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure~~ <sup>Federal Rules of Civil Procedure</sup>.

### **3. Initial Designation.**

**3.1 Good Faith Claims.** Claims of confidentiality will be made only with respect to documents, other tangible things and information that the asserting party has a good faith belief are within the definition set forth in subparagraph 2.1 of this Confidentiality Agreement. Objections to such claims made pursuant to paragraph 5, below, shall also be made only in good faith.



**ATTORNEY'S EYES ONLY**

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2       **3.3     Interrogatory Answers.** If a party answering an interrogatory or other discovery  
3 demand believes that its answer contains Confidential Information or Attorney's Eyes Only  
4 Information, it shall set forth that answer in a separate document that is produced and designated in  
5 the same manner as a produced document under subparagraph 3.2. Such answers should make  
6 reference to the separately-produced document containing the answer, but such document should not  
7 be attached to the response.

8       **3.4     Inspection of Documents.** In the event a party elects to produce files and records for  
9 inspection and the Requesting Party elects to inspect them, no designation of Confidential  
10 Information or Attorney's Eyes Only Information needs to be made in advance of the inspection.  
11 For purposes of such inspection, all material produced shall be considered as Confidential  
12 Information. If the inspecting party selects specified documents to be copied, the producing party  
13 shall designate Confidential Information or Attorney's Eyes Only Information in accordance with  
14 subparagraph 3.2 at the time the copies are produced.

15       **3.5     Deposition Transcripts.** Within twenty-one (21) days after the receipt of a  
16 deposition transcript, a party may inform the other parties to the action of the portions of the  
17 transcript that it wishes to designate as Confidential Information or Attorney's Eyes Only  
18 Information. Until such time has elapsed, deposition transcripts in their entirety are to be considered  
19 as Confidential Information. All parties in possession of a copy of a designated deposition transcript  
20 shall mark it appropriately.

21       **3.6     Multipage Documents.** A party may designate all pages of an integrated, multipage  
22 document, including a deposition transcript and interrogatory answers, as Confidential Information  
23 or Attorney's Eyes Only Information by placing the label specified in subparagraph 3.2 on the first  
24 page of the document or on *each* page of the document. If a party wishes to designate only certain  
25 portions of an integrated, multipage document as Confidential Information or Attorney's Eyes Only  
26 Information, it should designate such portions immediately below the label on the first page of the  
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1 document and place the label specified in subparagraph 3.2 on each page of the document containing  
2 Confidential Information or Attorney's Eyes Only Information.

3 **4. Designations by Another Party.**

4 **4.1 Notification of Designation.** If a party other than the producing party believes that a  
5 producing party has produced a document that contains or constitutes Confidential Information or  
6 Attorney's Eyes Only Information of the non-producing party, the non-producing party may  
7 designate the document as Confidential Information or Attorney's Eyes Only Information by so  
8 notifying all parties in writing within one hundred twenty (120) days of service of the document.

9 **4.2 Return of Documents; Nondisclosure.** Whenever a party other than the producing  
10 party designates a document produced by a producing party as Confidential Information or  
11 Attorney's Eyes Only Information in accordance with subparagraph 4.1, each party receiving the  
12 document shall either add the Confidential Information or Attorney's Eyes Only Information  
13 designation in accordance with subparagraph 3.2 or substitute a copy of the document bearing such  
14 designation for each copy of the document produced by the producing party. Each party shall destroy  
15 all undesignated copies of the document or return those copies to the producing party, at the  
16 direction of the producing party. No party shall disclose a produced document to any person, other  
17 than the persons authorized to receive Confidential Information or Attorney's Eyes Only Information  
18 under subparagraph 7.1, until after the expiration of the one hundred twenty (120) day designation  
19 period specified in subparagraph 4.1. If during the one hundred twenty (120) day designation period  
20 a party discloses a produced document to a person authorized to receive Confidential Information or  
21 Attorney's Eyes Only Information under subparagraph 7.1, and that document is subsequently  
22 designated as Confidential Information or Attorney's Eyes Only Information in accordance with  
23 subparagraph 4.1, the Disclosing Party shall cause all copies of the document to be destroyed or  
24 returned to the producing party, at the direction of the producing party. The party may thereafter  
25 disclose a copy of the document that has been marked as Confidential Information or Attorney's  
26 Eyes Only Information by the designating party (i.e. Producing Party), in accordance with  
27 subparagraphs 3.2 and 7.1.

1     **5.     Objections to Designations.** Any party objecting to a designation of Confidential  
2 Information or Attorney's Eyes Only Information, including objections to portions of designations of  
3 multipage documents, shall notify the designating party and all other parties of the objection in  
4 writing. If a document is first produced less than sixty (60) days before the then-pending trial date,  
5 such notification shall occur within half of the time remaining before trial. This notice must  
6 specifically identify each document that the objecting party in good faith believes should not be  
7 designated as Confidential Information or Attorney's Eyes Only Information and provide a brief  
8 statement of the grounds for such belief. In accordance with the ~~Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure~~ <sup>Federal Rules of Civil Procedure</sup>  
9 governing discovery disputes, the objecting and the designating parties thereafter shall confer within  
10 ten (10) days after the date of such objection in an attempt to resolve their differences. If the parties  
11 are unable to resolve their differences, the objecting party shall have twenty-one (21) days after the  
12 conference concludes to file with the Court a motion to remove the Confidential Information or  
13 Attorney's Eyes Only Information designation. If an objection is served within forty-two (42) days  
14 of trial, the objecting party must file its motion to remove the Confidential Information designation  
15 within half of the remaining time before trial, and the meet-and-confer period shall be shortened  
16 accordingly. Where a party authored, created, owns, or controls a document, information or other  
17 material that another party designates as Confidential Information or Attorney's Eyes Only  
18 Information, the party that authored, created, owns, or controls the Confidential Information or  
19 Attorney's Eyes Only Information may so inform the objecting party and thereafter shall also be  
20 considered a designating party for purposes of this paragraph.

21         All documents, information and other materials initially designated as Confidential  
22 Information or Attorney's Eyes Only Information shall be treated as such in accordance with this  
23 Confidentiality Agreement unless and until the Court rules otherwise, except for deposition  
24 transcripts and exhibits initially considered as containing Confidential Information under  
25 subparagraph 3.5, which will lose their confidential status after twenty-one (21) days unless so  
26 designated as Confidential Information or Attorney's Eyes Only Information. If the Court rules that  
27 a designation should not be maintained as to a particular document, the producing party shall, upon  
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1 written request by a party, provide that party a copy of that document without the designation  
2 described in subparagraph 3.2.

3 If an objecting party elects not to make such a motion with respect to documents, information  
4 or other materials to which an objection has been made, the objection shall be deemed withdrawn. If  
5 such a motion is made, the party asserting that the document or information is confidential has the  
6 burden of showing that it is entitled to protection.

7 **6. Custody.** All Confidential Information or Attorney's Eyes Only Information and any and all  
8 copies, extracts and summaries thereof, including memoranda relating thereto, shall be retained by  
9 the Receiving Party in the custody of counsel of record, or by persons to whom disclosure is  
10 authorized under subparagraph 7.1.

11 **7. Handling Prior to Trial.**

12 **7.1 Authorized Disclosures.** Confidential Information shall be disclosed by the  
13 Receiving Party only to the following persons:

14 a. Counsel for the parties in this litigation, including their associates, clerks, paralegals,  
15 and secretarial personnel;

16 b. Qualified persons taking testimony in this litigation involving such Confidential  
17 Information, and necessary stenographic, videotape and clerical personnel;

18 c. Experts and their staff who are consulted by counsel for a party in this litigation;

19 d. Parties to this litigation, limited to the named party and, if that party is a corporate  
20 entity, a limited number of employees of the corporate entity and its insurers;

21 e. Designated in-house counsel and a limited number of assistants, administrative or  
22 otherwise;

23 f. Outside vendors employed by counsel for copying, scanning and general handling of  
24 documents;

25 g. Any person of whom testimony is taken regarding the Confidential Information,  
26 except that such person may only be shown Confidential Information during his/her testimony, and  
27 may not retain a copy of such Confidential Information; and

1           h.       The Court hearing this litigation and the Court's staff, subject to the Court's processes  
2 for filing materials under seal.

3           Such disclosures are authorized only to the extent necessary to investigate, prosecute, or  
4 defend the litigation.

5           Confidential Information may not be disclosed to persons under subparagraph (c) until the  
6 Receiving Party has obtained a written acknowledgment from the person receiving Confidential  
7 Information, in the form of the Declaration attached hereto as **Exhibit "A,"** that he or she has  
8 received a copy of this Confidentiality Agreement and has agreed to be bound by it. A party who  
9 discloses Confidential Information in accordance with subparagraph 7.1 shall retain the written  
10 acknowledgment from each person receiving Confidential Information, shall maintain a list of all  
11 persons to whom a Receiving Party has disclosed Confidential Information and identify what  
12 documents have been disclosed, and shall furnish the written acknowledgements and disclosure list  
13 to the Court for in camera review upon its request or order. Furnishing the written  
14 acknowledgements and disclosure list to the Court shall not constitute a waiver of the attorney work  
15 product or attorney-client privilege. Disclosure of Confidential Information to the Court supervising  
16 this litigation, including judicial staff, shall be made in accordance with subparagraph 7.4 of this  
17 Confidentiality Agreement.

18           The disclosure of Attorney's Eyes Only Information is limited in the same ways as set forth  
19 above for Confidential Information except that, in addition, Attorney's Eyes Only Information may  
20 not be disclosed to persons described above in subparagraphs (d) and (e) without prior written  
21 consent by the designating party nor to persons within the categories described above in  
22 subparagraphs (c) and (g) without prior notice to the designating party under circumstances allowing  
23 the designating party to obtain adequate protection with respect to the Attorney's Eyes Only  
24 Information either by agreement or by application to the Court.

25           **7.2    Disclosure to Competitors.** Confidential Information and Attorney Eyes Only  
26 Information may not be disclosed to competitors of a designating party. However, if at any time  
27 such disclosure is necessary to advance the interest of a party, then before disclosing Confidential  
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1 Information or Attorney's Eyes Only Information to any authorized person who is a competitor (or  
2 an employee of a competitor) of the designating party, the party wishing to make such disclosure  
3 shall give at least fourteen (14) days notice in writing to the designating party, stating the names and  
4 addresses of the person(s) to whom the disclosure will be made, and identifying with particularity  
5 the documents to be disclosed. If, within the fourteen (14) day period, a motion is filed objecting to  
6 the proposed disclosure, disclosure is not authorized unless and until the Court orders otherwise. For  
7 purposes of this Confidentiality Agreement, "competitor" is defined as any person or entity that  
8 designs, manufactures, assembles or supplies products to or for the market(s) served by the  
9 designating party ("competitive products") or components of competitive products.

10 **7.3 Unauthorized Disclosures.** All persons receiving Confidential Information or  
11 Attorney's Eyes Only Information under the terms of this Confidentiality Agreement agree to the  
12 jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located in Nevada for all matters arising from the improper  
13 disclosure or use of such information. If Confidential Information or Attorney's Eyes Only  
14 Information is disclosed to any person other than in the manner authorized by this Confidentiality  
15 Agreement, the party or person responsible for the disclosure, and any other party or person who is  
16 subject to this Confidentiality Agreement and learns of such disclosure, shall immediately bring such  
17 disclosure to the attention of the designating party. Without prejudice to other rights and remedies of  
18 the designating party, the responsible party or person shall make every effort to obtain and return the  
19 Confidential Information or Attorney's Eyes Only Information and to prevent further disclosure on  
20 its own part or on the part of the person who was the unauthorized recipient of such information.

21 ~~**7.4 Court Filings.** In the event any Confidential Information or Attorney's Eyes Only~~  
22 ~~Information must be filed with the Court prior to trial, the proposed filing shall comply with the~~  
23 ~~Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure. In accordance with these rules, the proposed filing shall be~~  
24 ~~accompanied by a motion to file the Confidential Information under seal and a proposed order, and~~  
25 ~~the application and proposed order shall be directed to the judge to whom the Confidential~~  
26 ~~Information is directed. This provision is applicable to briefs, memoranda, and other filings which~~  
27 ~~quote, summarize, or describe Confidential Information.~~

1   **8.     Care in Storage.** Any person in possession of Confidential Information or Attorney's Eyes  
2   Only Information produced by another party shall exercise reasonable and appropriate care with  
3   regard to the storage, custody, copying, and use of such information to ensure that the confidential  
4   and sensitive nature of same is maintained.

5   **9.     Handling During Trial.** Confidential Information and Attorney's Eyes Only Information  
6   that is subject to this Order may be marked and used as trial exhibits by either party, subject to terms  
7   and conditions as imposed by the Court upon application by any party.

8   **10.    No Implied Waivers.** Execution of this Confidentiality Agreement shall not be interpreted  
9   as a waiver of the right to object, under applicable law, to the furnishing of information in response  
10   to discovery requests or to object to a requested inspection of documents or facilities. Parties  
11   producing Confidential Information and Attorney's Eyes Only Information in this litigation are  
12   doing so only pursuant to the terms of this Confidentiality Agreement. Neither the agreement to, or  
13   the taking of any action in accordance with the provisions of this Confidentiality Agreement, nor the  
14   failure to object thereto, shall be interpreted as a waiver of any claim or position or defense in this  
15   action, or any other actions.

16   **11.    No Admission.** Neither this Confidentiality Agreement nor the designation of any item as  
17   Confidential Information or Attorney's Eyes Only Information shall be construed as an admission  
18   that such material, or any testimony concerning such material, would be admissible in evidence in  
19   this litigation or in any other proceeding.

20   **12.    Inadvertent Disclosure.** Nothing in this Confidentiality Agreement abridges applicable law  
21   concerning inadvertent disclosure of a document that the Disclosing Party believes contains  
22   attorney-client communications, attorney work product, or otherwise privileged information. If a  
23   party inadvertently discloses documents or information subject to a claim of privilege or work  
24   product protection, such disclosure will not waive otherwise applicable claims of privilege or work  
25   product protection under applicable law. Upon discovery by the Receiving Party, or receipt of  
26   written notice from the Disclosing Party identifying privileged or Protected Documents that were  
27   inadvertently produced, the Receiving Party shall within seven (7) business days either: (a) return or

1 certify the destruction of all such documents, all copies, and any work product or portions of any  
2 work product containing or reflecting the contents of the subject materials; or (b) after attempting to  
3 resolve any dispute with opposing counsel informally, file a motion to challenge the assertion of  
4 privilege and tender the subject documents for *in camera* review with the motion. The moving party  
5 shall do nothing to compromise the privilege claim until the Court rules on said motion and the  
6 opportunity for appellate review is exhausted or the issue is otherwise resolved.

7 **13. Parties' Own Documents.** This Confidentiality Agreement shall in no way restrict the  
8 parties in their use of their own documents and information, and nothing in this Confidentiality  
9 Agreement shall preclude any party from voluntarily disclosing its own documents or information to  
10 any party or nonparty.

11 **14. Motion to Compel Production of Confidential Information.** If any third party subpoenas  
12 Confidential Information and/or Attorney's Eyes Only Information from a party to this action or  
13 moves to compel a party to this action to produce any such information, such party shall  
14 immediately notify the parties who originally produced and/or designated such information that a  
15 subpoena has been served or a motion has been made in order to allow the parties who originally  
16 produced and/or designated such information the opportunity to seek a protective order or oppose the  
17 motion or application. If, within thirty (30) days after receiving notice of a subpoena seeking  
18 Confidential Information and/or Attorney's Eyes Only Information from a Receiving Party, the party  
19 who originally produced and/or designated such information fails to move for a protective order, the  
20 party subject to the subpoena may produce said information. In addition, if a party is ordered to  
21 produce Confidential Information or Attorney's Eyes Only Information covered by this  
22 Confidentiality Agreement, then notice and, if available, a copy of the order compelling disclosure  
23 shall immediately be given the parties who originally produced and/or designated such information.  
24 Nothing in this Confidentiality Agreement shall be construed as requiring the party who is ordered to  
25 produce such Confidential Information or Attorney's Eyes Only Information to challenge or appeal  
26 any order requiring the production of such information or to subject himself/herself to any penalty  
27 for non-compliance with any legal process or seek any relief from the Court.

1 **15. No Effect on Other Rights.** This Confidentiality Agreement shall in no way abrogate or  
2 diminish any pre-existing contractual, statutory, or other legal obligations or rights of any party with  
3 respect to Confidential Information.

4 **16. Modification.** In the event any party hereto seeks a Court order to modify the terms of this  
5 Confidentiality Agreement, or seeks a protective order that incorporates the terms and conditions of  
6 this Confidentiality Agreement said party shall make such request by written stipulation or noticed  
7 motion to all parties that must be served and filed in accordance with local court rules.

8 **17. Handling upon Conclusion of Litigation.** All parties, counsel, and persons to whom  
9 disclosure was made agree to return all Confidential Information and Attorney's Eyes Only  
10 Information to the Producing Party within ninety (90) days of the conclusion of litigation between  
11 the parties, including final appellate action or the expiration of time to appeal or seek further review.  
12 In addition, counsel shall certify in writing that all such Confidential Information and Attorney's  
13 Eyes Only Information have been returned. Counsel for each party also shall contact each person to  
14 whom that party has provided a copy of any Confidential Information or Attorney's Eyes Only  
15 Information and request the documents be returned. In lieu of returning Confidential Information and  
16 Attorney's Eyes Only Information, the person or party in possession of such information may elect  
17 to destroy it.

18 **18. Motion for Protective Order.** Nothing in this Confidentiality Agreement shall preclude any  
19 party to this Agreement from filing a Motion for Protective Order as deemed necessary to protect  
20 Confidential Information.

21 **19. Effect of Breach.** The parties to this Confidentiality Agreement recognize that a breach of  
22 this Agreement would cause substantial harm to the operations, business and goodwill of the  
23 Producing Party.

24 **20. Remedies.** The parties acknowledge that they have been informed that if they breach this  
25 Agreement, the Producing Party(ies) may obtain preliminary and permanent court injunctions to stop  
26 the breach, and may also initiate an action to recover from the breaching party an amount equal to  
27 the damages caused by the breach and the loss of revenues derived from the breach, together with all  
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costs and expenses, including the attorney's fees, incurred by Producing Party(ies) in taking such actions.

**21. Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the United States and the State of Nevada and all parties consent to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the state courts and U.S. federal courts located in Nevada for any dispute concerning the breach of this Confidentiality Agreement.

**22. Survival of the Terms of this Confidentiality Agreement.** Even after the termination of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this Confidentiality Agreement shall remain in effect until a Producing Party otherwise in writing or a court order otherwise directs.

**23. Final Agreement.** This Agreement terminates and supersedes all prior understandings or agreements on the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may be modified only by a further writing that is duly executed by all parties.

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**ORDER**

~~UPON STIPULATION OF THE PARTIES and~~ for good cause shown, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall comply with the terms of the Confidentiality Agreement and Stipulated Protective Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: March 31, 2017, ~~2016.~~



UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

EVA RUIZ-CAMACHO,

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v.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION; DOES  
I-X, inclusive, and ROE CORPORATIONS I-X,  
inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO: 2:16-cv-02374-RFB-VCF

**CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT AND  
STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER  
REGARDING COSTCO'S HARD DRIVE**

**CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT AND STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER**  
**REGARDING COSTCO'S HARD DRIVE**

Pursuant to Plaintiff's written discovery request, COSTCO has provided Plaintiff's counsel with the hard drive from the COSTCO warehouse where Plaintiff's November 13, 2014, incident occurred ("the hard drive") to allow Plaintiff's counsel to try to retrieve surveillance video of the incident from the hard drive. The parties agree, through their respective counsel as their authorized representatives, to the terms and conditions of this Confidentiality Agreement and Stipulated Protective Order ("Confidentiality Agreement") governing the retrieval of that video and the handling and disposition of other documents, data and information retrieved from the hard drive, as set forth herein as follows:

Plaintiff's counsel will only be entitled to the recovery of the video surveillance of Plaintiff's incident on November 13, 2014, and shall disclose a copy of that video surveillance to counsel for COSTCO within five (5) days of that recovery.

1 Plaintiff's counsel will not be entitled to the possession of any other video surveillance,  
2 documents, data, material and/or information contained on the hard drive.

3 If Plaintiff's counsel retrieves from the hard drive such other documents, information, data,  
4 material and/or video surveillance during the retrieval process or by any other methods of retrieval  
5 implemented by Plaintiff's counsel, such information, documents, data and/or video surveillance  
6 shall be produced to counsel for COSTCO within five (5) days of such retrieval for inspection and  
7 determination by counsel for COSTCO of the relevance of such information, documents, data and/or  
8 video surveillance to the instant action.

9 Plaintiff's counsel will be prohibited from producing, disclosing and/or divulging the video  
10 surveillance of Plaintiff's incident for any other purpose but for the instant action.

11 Plaintiff's counsel will be prohibited from possessing, maintaining, producing, disclosing  
12 and/or divulging any documents, data, materials, information and/or video surveillance retrieved  
13 from the hard drive, other than the surveillance video of Plaintiff's incident of November 13, 2014.

14 Plaintiff's counsel shall have twenty (20) business days from the date that Plaintiff's counsel  
15 has been provided with the hard drive by counsel for COSTCO to attempt to retrieve the surveillance  
16 video of Plaintiff's incident of November 13, 2014. No later than the twenty first (21) day,  
17 Plaintiff's counsel shall return to counsel for COSTCO the hard drive in the same condition and  
18 format Plaintiff's counsel was provided with by counsel for COSTCO.

19 Failure of such timely return of the hard drive by Plaintiff's counsel will warrant counsel for  
20 COSTCO filing appropriate motions with the Court to enforce the provisions of this Confidentiality  
21 Agreement and Protective Order.

22 In the event any party hereto seeks a Court order to modify the terms of this Confidentiality  
23 Agreement, or seeks a protective order that incorporates the terms and conditions of this  
24 Confidentiality Agreement, said party shall make such request by written stipulation or motion to all  
25 parties that must be served and filed in accordance with local court rules.

26 Nothing in this Confidentiality Agreement shall preclude any party to this Agreement from  
27 filing a Motion for Protective Order as deemed necessary to protect Confidential Information.

1       The parties to this Confidentiality Agreement recognize that a breach of this Agreement  
2 would cause substantial harm to the operations, business and goodwill of COSTCO.

3       The parties acknowledge that they have been informed that if they breach this Agreement,  
4 COSTCO may seek preliminary and permanent court injunctions to stop the breach, and may also  
5 initiate an action to recover from the breaching party an amount equal to the damages caused by the  
6 breach and the loss of revenues derived from the breach, together with all costs and expenses,  
7 including the attorney's fees, incurred by COSTCO in taking such actions.

8       This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the United  
9 States and the State of Nevada and all parties consent to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the state  
10 courts and U.S. federal courts located in Nevada for any dispute concerning the breach of this  
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12       Even after the termination of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this  
13 Confidentiality Agreement shall remain in effect until COSTCO otherwise directs in writing or a  
14 court order.

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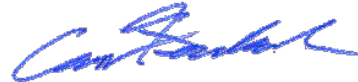
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**ORDER**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: March 31, 2017.



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